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1. [redacted] the following coal stocks, expressed in daily requirements, were available to the GDR railroads between 27 September and 12 October 1954:

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Railroad District	September			Date in October				
	27	29	1	3	6	8	10	12
Berlin	4.2	3.7	3.2	2.9	3.6	4.1	4.6	5.5
Greifswald	7.0	6.5	5.9	3.5	5.0	5.8	7.3	8.8
Schwerin	6.3	5.8	5.2	4.9	4.7	5.1	5.6	6.7
Magdeburg	5.0	4.2	3.4	3.2	2.7	3.0	3.2	4.1
Halle	3.8	3.5	3.0	2.6	3.3	3.6	4.2	4.7
Erfurt	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.4	4.4	4.4	4.9	5.0
Dresden	3.2	3.0	2.5	3.0	4.1	4.5	5.0	5.6
Cottbus	4.3	4.4	3.5	3.5	4.1	4.6	5.1	6.0
Total	4.0	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.9	4.2	4.8	5.4

2. [redacted] the following railroad coal stocks, expressed in tons, were available in the GDR:

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Date in September	Coal for Locomotives		Shop Coal (in Terms of Briquette Units)
	Hard Coal	Brown Coal Briquettes	
27	29,300	36,400	27,300
29	26,700	34,800	27,000
October			
1	23,600	32,300	26,700
3	23,300	33,600	26,700
6	26,200	40,000	27,300

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October

8	30,000	41,900	27,400
10	29,200	40,500	27,600
12	52,900	35,200	28,100

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3. [] the following coal stocks were available to the GDR [] between 21 September and 7 October:

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Date		Daily Requirements		
in September		October		
21	27	4	5	7
5.0	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.9

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Date	Hard Coal	Brown Coal Briquettes	Raw Brown Coal	Coal Dust
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(in Tons)

September

27	29,347	36,422	11,511	567
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October

4	23,409	36,927	12,224	315
5	24,150	38,250	12,074	354
7	26,262	40,150	12,155	390

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1. [] Comment. After decreasing to a low on 3 October, coal stocks continuously increased until 12 October. The last reported status was 4.6 days' requirements available on 22 September. [] The slight improvement of the coal situation is due to increased coal imports from Poland. The coal situation, however, continued to be critical in view of intensified traffic in the fall.

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2. [] Comment. The increase of hard coal stocks by almost 100 percent during the reported period confirms previous reports which indicated increased hard coal shipments from Poland. [] Coal stocks available on 12 October represented the following amounts of briquette units (BU):

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Hard coal	52,900 tons	-	79,350 tons BU
Brown coal briquettes	35,200 tons	-	35,200 tons BU
Raw brown coal	12,000 tons	-	4,800 tons BU
Brown coal dust	400 tons	-	400 tons BU

Total	119,750 tons BU		
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The figures given for raw brown coal and brown coal dust are only estimates derived from data given in paragraph 3. The daily coal consumption quota was 22,176 tons in briquette units which was an increase of about 1,500 tons over the last reported period.

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[] The daily coal consumption quota is calculated by dividing total coal stocks expressed in briquette units by the daily requirements given for the same day. The hard coal proportion was 66 percent of total coal stocks.

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